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OR,  
LECTONS  
LEASVRES.

Expressed  
IN ESSAYES AND  
CHARACTERS,

Neuer before written on.

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*Dum viuo, video  
Errorum in humanis,  
Terrorum in libris.*

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To the right Hono-  
rable, OLIVER, Lord  
S: JOHN, Baron of  
Bletsoe.

Right Noble,



Midst the  
rest of your  
sports and  
pleasures I  
haue pre-  
sumed to interpose this  
small volumne of Cha-  
racters vpon certaine  
A 4 sub-

## *The Epistle*

subiects, as yet never  
wrote vpon. To which  
Assumption I was led,  
not by any affectation or  
conceit, of my selfe, or of  
these, but from the true  
knowledge of that in-  
nate worth and noble-  
nesse in you, of which  
the world so much takes  
notice, that it iustifies  
me to be no Parasite, in  
that my tongue and  
heart agrees with that  
generall fame which is  
neuer blazed without  
desert.

## Dedicatory.

desert. After some more violent exercise of body (which though through the pleasure thereof is not felt till ended) some weariness may accurre. These may perhaps minister occasion of mirth to the minde, and giue digestion to your former delights : Your Honors acceptance of it shall rightly *Characterize* your curtesie; and your reading it, re-ingage mee to amplifie it with more,

A 5 and

The Epistles, &c.

and more merry. And though thele goe forth  
in the reare, they may (if  
not too much mangled  
in the Combat with  
**Criticks**) returne in the  
front with victory; which  
I leauie to the fortune of  
the day, & your Honours  
fauour, which I shall  
study to deserue, whilst  
I liue to be

TONY HONORS most oblig'd,

FRA. LENTON.



To his most lou'd friend

M<sup>r</sup> FRANCIS LEN-  
TON.

IF lone, not Learning  
May my lines preferre,  
To front, not grace.

Thy well writ Character ;  
Or if a willing minde  
May plead th' excuse  
Of my unable,

More univorthy muse ;  
Then take me with thee Frank,  
I meane aswell.  
As he, whose lines  
But few can parallell.

And

And tho my approbation  
Cannot adde  
Least lustre to thy booke,  
Or make't be had  
In more esteeme :  
Or free it from the meere  
Of Simon Simple,  
Or the senselesse Crew :  
Who finding more  
New Characters, will aske,  
What's he dares undertake  
So blunt a taske.

Then Master Criticke  
Comes, and seemes to snarle,  
Saying this worke  
Onely becomes an Earle.  
Yet this I know,  
Thine are so witty, merry,  
As would haue bin  
Allow'd by Ouerberry,  
Had

Had he're scene' em:  
Boldly then go on,  
Well to enlarge, what  
Thou hast well begun.

For in despight of  
Blacke-mouth'd Calumny  
Thy lines shall live  
Unto Posterity:  
And after-times may  
With delightfull pleasures  
Find sportive mirth  
In reading Lentons leases.

Thine ever,

JOHN LENTON.]

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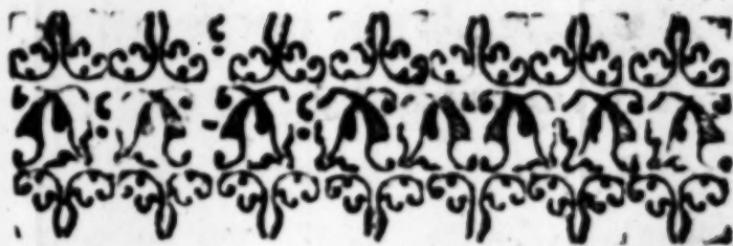
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## Characters.

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### 1. A State Politician,



S a great Man  
deepely read  
in the Myste-  
ries of iniqui-  
ty; who being  
wel grounded  
in the Theoricke, assumes  
B the

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the Practique as an Effect of the Cause: One, whose much study hath cald him to more Care then Conscience, that whatsocuer by Power and Project he atchieues and accumulates to himselfe, his pretence is still for the good of the Common-weale: For the safety whereof he watcheth as a Foxe for his prey. Forraigne estates are as familiar with him as his owne, for the knowledge whereof he spends much, and gets more. The vulgar honour him more for fear then loue, and either barke, or are silent, as his distance is from them. Their popular applause hee esteemes

## CHARACTERS.

esteemes not, but laughs at their Enuy in his higher Spheare, soaring aboue their Capacities by the sides of Princes, and seriously contemplating how to carry himselfe in the next Charge, being neuer troubled with any alteration, having his seuerall Postures for all ; for his Grauity, his lookes, and his language are neere allide, this austere, that seuere ; for his Habit, hee is all ouer furr'd, but seldom or neuer foxt, except at a Coronation. In a word, he climes vp with much cost, staggers there with many cares, and commonly falls

## CHARACTERS.

with more feares, And those  
that neuer durst libell him,  
liuing, dare cowardly throw  
one of *Iuuenals* stones at his  
Graue.

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### 2. A Gallant Courtier,

I  
S the outside of a Statesmā  
a little more gaily trimd  
vp, and as he is repleat with  
internall indowments, so  
this is compleat with exter-  
nall Complement. Hee is a  
man so courteous, that hee  
cannot deny you any thing,  
and so carelesse after his  
grant, that he will performe  
no-

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nothing. One whom your Taylor is much bound to for his new fashion (which is his prime study) and he reciprocally for his Taylors faith, (which never goes without works) both which concurre together till the day of account, and then he is deferr'd till doomesday, or else presently paid with a Priuilege. Hee hath more deuices vpon a new Doublet, than *Ouid* had verses, and those as Geometricall, as his naturall. He spares for no cost whilst he may be credited ; and when that failes, he fals vpon some full-mouth'd Lady, whose marke hath beeene long out,

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where he stil preyes but seld,  
or neuer praiers for ought but  
her death. Hée is composed  
onely of two Elementes, Ayre  
and Fire, Leuity and Choler,  
hauing the predominance,  
wanting water and earth, hu-  
midity and solidity, and  
holds nothing more ignoble  
than the defect of formality.  
His Barber and his beard doe  
hold a faire and euен Corre-  
spondency, and agree aswell  
as his head with its Perriwig,  
of which, how carefull he is,  
the doffing his Beauer wi ll  
discouer, euен from *Ludgate*  
*Hill* (if he dares come so neare  
it) to *Chairing Crosse*, his more  
secure walke. His Congees  
are

# CHARACTERS.

are so common, that few care for them, and his bodye's most lowly, when his mind's most lofty: *Cupid* is his key, *Venus* his devotion, and *Mercury* his messenger, whilst he cornutes lame *Vulcan*: You may smell him before you see him, and see him long enough before you know him. Hee is oftentimes his owne admirer, and thinks himselfe the onely obiect of others, whilst they thinke him their abiect. In briete, his tongue and his heart are most commonly as great strangers, as his hands and his actions, or his large promises & lame performances.

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3. *A young Burrester,*

IS one call'd too't by Rea-  
ding, though he neuer read  
for't, and hath tane his leaue  
of *Littleton* before he was wel  
acquainted with him. At his  
first entrance he hath a very  
good Conscience, and there-  
fore loues the Chancery bet-  
ter than the Common-Law,  
aswell for the effect of the  
one, as the defect of the o-  
ther ; where he liues by per-  
petuall motion (as not yet  
ripened; for those more harsh  
and ambiguous Demurres  
and.

and arguments) and subsists by the same, till by stratagem in Law, he hath surprised some Aldermans daughter, by putting the Case rightly, who through the greenenesse of her youth and face, is horne mad for a man of his profession. His very calling writes him Esquire, though his Scutchion sometimes cannot speak him Gentleman, except byway of admittance. Hee is very open-handed till his fee hath clutcht it, and then he's open mouth'd, and will be sure to speake more than toth' purpose, whiitest his silly Client reioyceth as much in the

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# CHARACTERS.

very tone of his tongue, as the substance of his talke, being both coequall to his capacity. His Clients are his Soule, and when they faile, he expires, onely here's the difference, hee prouides not for his soule, but his soule for him. Hee'll speake more in a moment, than doin a month, and warrant your Cause according to his reading ; till your hearings proue his holi-dayes, and your Trials his experience. His ambition is to cli nbe to the seat of Iustice, but is loth to be blinde in the place, lest hee should not see those pictures his soule takes pleasure in, but in the

# CHARACTERS.

the meane time, hee is striuing to be put in Commission, where perhaps you may see him the next Quarter-Sessions.

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## 4. A Commissary,

IS a man much giuen to libels, or rather libels to him, and (which is much) is priuiledg'd to receiue them, and proues a gainer by the hand. Hee trades much in Will and Inventory (the Relicks of the dead) which he files with much felicity, and howeuer the Executour speeds,

speeds, hee is still of the talking hand : He lookes not so much to the performance of the Will, as the payment of his Fees, and visits the wife of the next Vicarage. Hee hath many foule cases layd open before him; and hee as soundly canuasses them ; by the which he acquires a faire purse, and a foule Conscience. Basterdy and Bawdery are his chiefe rents, and incontinency and whoredome his Farmers ; and (which is strange) he liues by that, for which all men dye, (Sinne.) Hee hath many Visitations, which hee beares very patiently, in regard of the sweet

Cordi-

Cordials accrewing therby.  
He is your hasty youths, and  
and younger Scollers Oracle,  
who daily worship him for  
his speedy licence, that they  
may both presently enter in-  
to their Pulpits, and he into  
their purses. Hee is one that  
shall excommunicate you,  
*ipso facto*, for five shillings,  
and absoluē you immediate-  
ly, *ex officio*, for three shil-  
lings four pence. In briefe,  
He is the Bishops mouth, the  
Bawds eare, the Sinners ab-  
solution, the Whores purga-  
tory, the Diocesan Mounte-  
banke, the Church-wardens  
terror, the Parsonages friend,  
and the Parsons superuisor,

with

# CHARACTERS.

with whose wife I now leaue  
him till the next Visitation.

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## 5. A Parasite or Flatterer,

*S Salomons* abieet, debar'd  
I euery wise mans Table, not  
so much for his gluttony, as  
his glozing. He is ingendred  
by Pride, hatcht vp by arro-  
gance, and perpetually fo-  
stred by fooles (the Anuils on  
which hee still beates) who  
by reason of their insensibi-  
lity obserues not his insinua-  
tion, but are presently puft  
vp with those Peacockes-  
tayles he stickes in their fore-  
heads.

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heads. Greatnesse neuer goes without this applausive Puppet, and goodnesse neuer can abide him, there being a kinde of Antipathy between them. His tongue is in the Ear of euery affectator, and then neuer further from his owne heart. Folly and popularity are his prime obiects, and he is still present where they predominate. He cannot be truely generous, for he is a slau to others mens humours, a thing contrary to a true birth, or a true heart. His greatest pride is, that he onely thinkes other men belieue him: his greatest pleasure that hee can laugh at them.

them in's sleeve; and his  
greatest profit is picking of  
thankes: hee hath more wit  
then wisedome, and more  
garrulity, then grace. He is a  
great obseruer of mens fancy  
(that hee may fit his lyre to  
that tune.) All men in the  
end hate him, and hee goes  
out like a snusse. His Consci-  
ence accuses him that hee  
hath praisd Men more then  
God, and consequently got  
praise of neither; which hath  
so deieeted him, that hee  
drops off like a greene apple  
in a great winde, and by his  
bruse growes rotten at Core,  
and so cozens the next Co-  
stardmonger.

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6 *An uxorious man,*

Some who hath left all the world for a woman, and all women for a thing called a wife, with which idole, he is so effeminately bewitcht, that hee forgets his annuall worship at Ierusalem, and is tied vp with a golden Calf at home. This Dalilah is his Deuotion, this Ruler his religion, this Eve, the onely edge to his appetite, and he will tast any fruit she tempes him to, (though sower graps). This man is never his owne man.

# CHARACTERS.

man, but in thought, for his actions intended, are either diverted and writhed by her simple will, or els wholly violated and broken by her supposed wisedome; He can be no good com non wealths man, he is so confiade to her cannopy, nor a good church man, he is so tyde to her can-  
nons, nor a wise man, to be vanquisht with her willfull-  
nes: Hee thinks himselfe as safe in her sauours as Adam in his first forme, and hopes to merit Olympus, by ma-  
king a Goddesse of *Diana*; the which hee is assured by his faith in her faire promi-  
ses, and his obedience to her  
sacred

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sacred Oracles: In fine, hee  
is good for nothing but to  
multiply mankinde, and con-  
sequently, Sinne, and (which  
is fittest for him) not when  
he purposeth, but when shee  
pleseth. He cares for no body  
but her, nor any body at all  
for him; so that he may liue  
quietly without company,  
and dye in his owne folly  
without a funerall.

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## 7. *A Country Widdow.*

I S a broken ribbe of *Adam*;  
I turned loose into the world  
againe, and is searching for a  
new

new Bonesetter, and newly  
polishing her selfe for a se-  
cond edition, or more faire  
impression. Shee hath lately  
beene somewhat mortified  
in memory of her deceased,  
but hath suddenly gathered  
vp her crummes, and giuen  
her selfe out a brace of hun-  
dreds more thenere hisestate  
was worth, besides his debts  
and legacies, wheras her va-  
lidity proportionable can  
scarce absoluē those. She car-  
rieth her selfe smooth, de-  
mure, and familiar, yet at a  
certaine distance, lest too  
much familiarity should  
breed contempt, and then she  
may cough long enough for

one

## CHARACTERS.

one to court her. If shee be young shee is capable of copulation, and the sooner caught in that coniunctiue Ceremony; if past her prime, the more libidinous, subtile, and dangerous, hauing a double wil, the one from her deceased, the other from her widdowhood, by the last of which you may perhaps buy a pigge in a poke; if shee be wealthy, all your comfort is, shee is her owne woman, and not subiect to the avaricious counsell of peeuiish parents, who care not though the girle cuckold him, so the carle be scraping. Shee is an obiect to many, and it's well

if

## CHARACTERS.

if but one light on her. She hath already tasted of Mandraks, and likes the fruits well, that shee longs to gra  
more imps vpon that stocke. She is now trim'd vp for the  
next faire, where if you can  
bargaine for her, you may  
ride her home with a twind  
thread, and then make the  
best of an ill bargaine.

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### 8. *A Chambermaid,*

**H**Ath her properdenomi  
nation from the Place  
where she is most conuerse  
and couchant (the Chamber  
and

## CHARACTERS.

and is the carefull polisher thereof, the obsequious pin-ner of her Lady, and the true louer of her Taylor, cuer since the curious cutting of her last Wastecoate, who (with his goose) hath made such impression in her, that her Ladies Closet is thereby impouerisht, and her Mar- melet melted in his mischie- uous mouth. The beds and she are a kinde of Relatiues, where by reason of her neere alliance and familiarity, shee catcheth many a fal (to which she is subiect) but is seldom hurt by it in regard of their softnesse. Shee is the instru- mental cause of her Ladies Curio.

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Curiosity, and Pride, the originall as also the secret and soft shutter of the Portall, when her Lady would be private. Sowing and starching is her prime occupation, and the Close-stoole her greatest slauery. Shee is a creature commonly very courteous, and may proue an honest woman, if she be not pufst vp in the place. She is the patient endurer of her Ladies peeuiishnesse, which perhaps may purchase her a paire of old silke stockings, which she prouidently layes vp till the next Summer, & then dernes them for the wedding day. Watching and warming of cloathes

# CHARACTERS.

cloathes in a short time  
wrinkles her, and the blos-  
some once blasted the fruit  
faileth. The best shee can  
acquire is but Master of the  
Maydes, and the worst that  
can befall her is but footing  
of Stockings.

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## 9. *A broken Citizen,*

IS one whose hornes are  
growne so great that hee  
is ashamed they should be  
seene, and is therefore glad  
the Gates are wide enough  
to give way to his passage, of  
which he takes his vale for a

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## CHARACTERS.

certaine season to some fini-  
ster Sanctuary ; where hee  
lyes at racke and manger ,  
whilst his too credulous  
Creditors are gnawing their  
Thumbes. By his subtill car-  
riage hee wrought himselfe  
into their Credit, of set pur-  
pose, shortly to bee out of  
their company ; which, with  
acute language hee hath at  
last accomplitsh ; and now  
they may go look this Bush-  
lane needle in a bottle of  
hay. Hee absents himselfe so  
cunningly, that they shal not  
somuch as heare of him, till  
they haue spent their galls,  
and then by degrees he giues  
way to their inquiry with a  
letter

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letter from Ireland, or some place farre remote, whilst, (though disguis'd) hee is at the next Tauerne to them ; obseruing how like so many Kites they lay wayt for the Chicken in the Wood-pile. Hee hath beeene a man of a large tongue, & short haire, which two haue beeene great helpes to his game. Hee is a man now so well lyn'd with the coyne acquired by his former impostures, that hee is in a quandary whether to giue them a desired Composition of twelue pence i' th pound, or to abiure the City for euer. His Conscience (as false as the light he once de-

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## CHARACTERS.

deceiu'd by) tells him, they  
that lost it may spare it, and  
hee that winnes ought may  
weare it,whilst hee spends it  
worse than hee got it, and  
must certainly pay for it, hee  
knowes not how soone. Hee  
now discouers the secrets of  
silly Tradesmen, and laughs  
at his sleight in his higher  
Spheare. Hee hath now ad-  
mitted himselfe amongst the  
multitude of Man-slayers,  
and feeds them for feare, and  
his owne folly for fashion.  
*Milford lane*, and *Ram-alley*  
are his Castles, Calheerds  
Captaines, his companions  
Souldiers his Conductors  
and Serjeants and Bayliffs  
his

## CHARACTERS.

his perpetuall dreame and Terror; and in that little case I'll leaue him, till hee hath spent that he hath stolne, and then his last Refuge is Lud-gate, where his doleful voyce giues more delight than pity to his repining Creditors;

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### 10. *An old Baird,*

IS a menstruous beast, engendred of diuers most filthy excrements, by the stench of whose breath the Ayre is so infected, that her presence is an incurable con-

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## CHARACTERS.

tagion, her eyes more poysonous than the Basilisk ; her nose (if any) most pestilent pocky, her tongue more subtle than the Hyena, who still howles in some fained voyce for the deuouring of innocents, one who hath damnable destroyed her own soule and is diuellishly devising the destruction of others. Shee is the mother of impudency, the Dungeon of diseases, the daughter of lust, and the most obscene sister of scurrilous and lasciuious delights. An excellent Astronomer, for by the ratling of her bones shee can discouer the alteration of the weather.

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ther; Fooles haue fatted her vp to the day of slaughter, and Knaues are ready to cut her throat for it. Marshals, Beadles, and Constables are her continual terror, whom by much siluer, shee per-  
suades to silence; silly maids, vntam'd youths, and sullen wiues are her cheefe mar-  
chandizes, and she sells sinne on both hands at a high rate. Adulterate beauties, and counterfeit complexions, are her alluring baits to deceiue the simple, and all's fish that comes to net with her; All the credite shee hath got by her abomination, is carting without comiseration & ca-

## CHARACTERS.

sting of loathsome things at her defiled Carkasse. Diseases at last dryvp her marrow, and rottennesse so shiuers her, that shee drops asunder on a sudden, and wretchedly dyes without pitty ; for whom, a Christian buriall is too courteous.

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### II. A Pander,

IS the Spaniel of a Biwd, who fetcheth and carrieth at her pleasure, and is the most seruile slaye of basenes. For halfe a crowne he will be your seruant all day, and for the

## CHARACTERS.'

the whole cut your throat at night. His lookes are commonly silly and dejected, but you will finde his heart deceitfull, and his actions damnable. Hee will fawne vpon those hee feares, and roughly misuse those hee can master. He liues at all distances and postures, one while Tapster, or Tobacco seller, otherwise Strumpfuster; now brother, then Cozen, sometimes master of the house; yet all this while, Rogue, Theefe, and Pimpe. Hee is impudency it selfe, for if the officer approacheth, he sweareth and forswareth, as the case shall require. Hee is much sub-

## CHARACTERS.

ieft to Kicking, and is often  
basted, together with his  
Bawd. He walkes in perpe-  
tuall darknesse, and is still in  
danger of the Watch, and  
cannot be otherwise than the  
abortiue issue of some Adul-  
teresse, his nature is so con-  
sonant to theirs. He is spu'd  
out of all honest company,  
and fostred with none but  
fornicators. He liues thus till  
Bridewell hath possest his  
Bitches, and the Pox pos-  
sess him. And then with a  
meagre countenance, and  
creeping threed-bare Cloke,  
hee creepes from Bawd to  
Bawd for a crust to comfort  
his crazy Carkasse, and at  
last

## CHARACTERS.

last in his owne ordure, most  
desperately and distractedly  
dyes in a ditch, a graue alrea-  
dy digged for him.

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### 12. *A Countrey Girle or Darling,*

IS a raw, young, and greene  
maid, newly arriued at the  
Hauen of discretion, and yet  
farre from the Port thereof,  
one that thinkes more than  
shee speaks, speaks more than  
shee vnderstands, and vnder-  
stands more than shee dares  
expresse. Shee is prankt vp  
like a Peacocke by her do-  
ting

## CHARACTERS.

ting Parents, and is the pre-  
cious pearle of her mothers.  
Pride, for the Crow thinks  
his owne bird the fairest, and  
they thinke their Goose a  
Swan. She is a babby trimd  
vp for every feast and faire,  
where the Plough-drag sa-  
lutes her with two kisses, two  
penny-worth of peares, and  
a two-penny red ribbon,  
which hath so rauisht the  
Girle, that shee gads after  
him with much greedinesse,  
and presently puts finger i'th-  
eye for his absence. Shee is  
very towardly and tractable,  
the cause that her father so  
feares his horse-keeper, lest  
hee should steale her and his  
horse.

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horse together. Shee is one whom no desert can gaine; nor Gentry obtaine, except he can first plough with that Heiffer, and then hee may finde out the Riddle, for she is faine in loue with an Acre-staffe, and longs to handle it. Shee is her fathers hope, and her mothers happinesse, the Paragon of that Progeny, though the coursest in that Countrey. If they dare trust her, she is sent to bee sold at the next Market, together with her Basket of Butter, where at the Crosse her simpring will scarce giue her leaue to tell the price on't. And thus I leaue her still longing.

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ging for something that her friends like not, and in that onely consists her wisdome, that she will please her fancy sooner than her friends.

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### 13. A Lawyers Clarke,

IS a spruce youth somewhat aboue the degree of a Scriuener, much conuersant amongst sheets & skins, Subjects he works vpon much, & is a kind of a Jugler, who by flight of hand, will suddenly make a cleanly conueyance of your estate, that you shall not afterwards need to study how

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how you may prodigally spend it ; and he will so contrive it by president, that he will make you an example whilst you liue. Hee is one who will doe more with a gray Goose wing, than euer *Robin Hood* could doe, and is very dangerous, if once hee puts his hand too't. Foure pence a sheet hath furnisht him with a new Suit, and he sometimes executes the place of a Gentleman-vsher vpon his Mistris. Hee is a man generally of no solidity, except by his much costiuenes with continuall sitting, yet a man of great study, insomuch it hath so stupified him, that he looks

## CHARACTERS.

lookes for his pen when it stickes in's care. Littleton is too obscure for his capacity, and not one amongst forty of them can reade Law French. He is commonly a good fellow, and loues to gaine no more than hee meanes to spend. Hee hath a peece of *Iudas* his office, (the Carriage of the Bagge,) which were it full of Peeces, as it is of Papers, hee might chance to shew his Master a tricke for't. Hee aspiers sometimes to his Masters daughter, but being stau'd off there, hee choppes vpon the Chambermaid, and there stickes fast. He hath  
lookt

## CHARACTERS.

lookt for preferment till age hath dimm'd his eyesight, and is now endeavouring to goe Clarke of a Band in the next voluntary Voyage; which if hee speed, the Leagre so belouzeth him, that hee returneth with much Humility, and poorely prostrates himselfe for a halfe-penny a sheet. He is a meere Clarke without any other quality, and hath seldome any commendation, but hee writes a faire hand.

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### 14. A Carle, or Farmer Tenant,

IS a kinde of a Mole, perpetually deluing in the Earth for his dinner; and is of as great iudgement as *Æsops* Cocke, esteeming his corne more then precious stones. He is a fellow of a very great stomacke, which his Land-lord can quaile, sooner then his poore dinner pacifie. And is somewhat of the nature of a Hogge, looking still downward whilst hee chawes and gathers the Acornues,

## CHARACTERS.

cornes, not knowing the Tree whence they fell: and seldom looks vp, but for a shower. He is the wretched Modell of our forefathers misery, and that which was *Adams curse*, is his calling; Sorrow, the sweat of his face, and a barren field, are his wra<sup>c</sup>kt rents and reuenewes, and a griping Landlord his intollerable griefe. Yet hee riseth early with the Larke, and whistles (as hee thinkes) to the tune shee sings, when his broken notes demonstrate nothing but Musicke for a horse, and according to that whistle is his singing of Psalmes ( the cause of so much

## CHARACTERS.

much discord in the Coun-  
trey Quire.) When hee tills  
the Earth, he tallowes it with  
his owne grease, and endures  
it the better for the dunging  
of his ground. His haruest is  
his greatest happines, which  
is more welcome to him  
then the Sabbath, and in rea-  
ping time hee wisheth none,  
lest he should loose more in  
that one day, then get in the  
other sixe: for though he ac-  
knowledgeth godlinesse to  
be great gaine, yet his grea-  
test is his graine. He is the  
foyle on which all Citizens  
and Idle folke feede, the ve-  
ry drudge and doghorse of  
the world, one that dares not  
cate-

## CHARACTERS.

eat the fruit of his labour  
lest his rent should fall short,  
and he be turn'd forth of his  
toylesome Vineyard. His  
hands are his lands, his plea-  
sures reall paines, his Crops  
carking Cares ; his food, the  
bread of sorrow, his cloathes  
the skinnes of his outworne  
Cattell, and taglocks of his  
trauell : his whole life a con-  
tinuall toyle, and his worke  
an endlesse warfare. His  
greatest comfort is his law-  
full Calling, and his moyling  
in the Earth, a meanes of his  
mortification. Euery Clodde  
he turnes ouer is the em-  
bleme of his misery. And  
his Colter and share the em-  
blemes

## CHARACTERS.

blemes of his Graue, the  
which hee is alwayes dig-  
ging.

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### 15. *A double benefic't Parson,*

IS a Master of Arts or Crafts,  
who by fauour and coyne,  
hath caught a degree a ycere  
too soone, and now lyes for  
all the liuings he can lay hold  
of. Hee hath already rung  
his Bells for two Parsonages,  
and not sufficiently prefer'd  
by those, is putting in for a  
Prebend or two to make  
himselfe more compleat in  
his Taffeta Tippet, and more  
curious

## CHARACTERS.

curious Caslacke. Simony and he are Correlatiues, and that which hee obtaines by Simony, he retaines by Subtilty. His Degrees giue him a Doctor (tho a very dunce) and his deuice is now for the next Deanery, to which Musick, money must be the Master of the Organs, if hee meanes to sing in that Quire. Hee hath two Pulpits and one Sermon, which he preacheth at both his Parishes at his primer induction, and then a couple of silly Curates read out the rest of his Incumbency for the twentieth part of his Parsonages. Hee is one who hath

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## CHARACTERS.

the cure of others soules, and yet (by his account) cares not for his owne; and (the more's the pitty) is clad with the fleece, without feeding the flocke. His Pulpets and he are so faine out, that they hate one another, and 'twere no matter if he had faine out of them long agoe. His greatest study is how hee may wracke his Tythes to a higher Rate, and then feed at ease like a Boare in a Frank. He's very fearefull of another Parliament, lest one of his Livings should fall short of his reckoning. He hath fift Till hee hath fild his bagge, then sits downe to fil's belly,

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## CHARACTERS.

and lends little or naught to the distressed. Hee is one whom God hath faine out with for his too little teaching, and his Neighbours for too much Tything: He will sooner convert the Gleabe into a pasture then a soule to his Master, & is of this opinion, that if hee hires one, his duty is perform'd. He is the cauile of so many poore Schollers, and his over-bidding, the debarring of their gifts, or forestaller of their Markets: And yet he is so inclin'd, that hee curseth the Laity who possess Impropriations, and is now grown so fat with pleasure & pride,

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## CHARACTERS.

that nothing will satisfie him but a Bishopricke, or a Graue; in the last of which, he is daily wisht, that some man of more deserts, might climbe to that place hee so seldomme came neere, (the Pulpit.)

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### 16. A young Schoolmaster,

IS a new Commenc'd Bachelour, who hath suckt so long at the paps of his Nurse, (the Vniuersity) that shée hath almost pin'd him: and therefore his fortunes denying him the degree of Master,

## CHARACTERS.

ster, in a resolution leaues his  
Nurse to rocke the Cradle  
her selfe, and boldly aduen-  
tures into the broad world,  
(like a Lapwing with it's  
shell o'th Crowne) with Lil-  
by in's head, and Ramus in's  
hand, where in some small  
Village bee first excrciseth  
the Art of a Pedagogue, for  
instruction of infants. Two  
pence a week, by the Rurals,  
is proffered him at his first  
entrance, for the literatur  
of little Primmer Boyes, and  
four pence a weeke for Ac-  
cidences, besides his Sun-  
dayes dinner, by turne, toge-  
ther with the plaine gifts of  
some of their plainer me-

## CHARACTERS.

thers ; by the which, hee achiueth to the annuall Pen-  
sion of ten pound *Sterling*. He  
is one still exercising the rod  
of correction, and the grea-  
test part of his Revenue, is  
the fees of tender mothers  
for sparing his rod, and ha-  
ting their Children. He doth  
all things in order, for hee  
hath now taken orders, and  
beginnes to peepe into a Pul-  
pit with a pocket-Sermon ;  
and as that takes, is either  
animated or discourag'd, to  
proceed to a Vicarage. Hee  
is one commonly of more  
desert than respect, and of-  
ten, for his good parts, sur-  
passeth their lazy Parson. If

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## CHARACTERS.

he scapes a Free-Schoole, he may light vpon a Free hol- ders daughter, and her loue may procure him a Library. A Lecture read to her may enlarge his Patrimony, and a licence confirme. Hope and patience are his props, and his perswasion is still, that the seuen Liberall Sciences wil not see him want. A Free- Schoole Lecture or Vica- rage is his next ayme, and if all these faile, A Scholler, by his industry, may soone bee fit for any thing.

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### 17. *A Countrey Alewife,*

IS a subtill Creature, who  
seeming to bee clad with  
simplicity, and to be as plain  
as her poorer Petticote, by  
her short Courtsies and ru-  
rall carriage, will draw till  
both you and her Barrell be  
both dry together ; and may  
be term'd the Water-worke  
of iniquity, or the Vnctious  
Engine of sophisticate and a-  
dulterate Ale. Tossing of  
Iugs, Pots, and Cans are her  
joy, and the froth the best  
part of her gaine. The Affise  
of

## CHARACTERS.

of bread and beare is as hateful to her as a Promoter, and yet all is not well except he be in with her; and (which is worse) she is forced to make the Disners drunke once a month to conceale her cunning. Shee is the Receptacle for all commers, and what soeuer be the company, their eoyne shall bee alike to her. Her Purse fils as their bellies, but empties not so soone, for it seldom exonerates its selfe till the Maulster appeares, and then farewell forty-pence. Misreckoning and shee are sworne sisters, and her owne daughter is forc'd to lie for't. Drunkennesse and quarrelings

## CHARACTERS.

lings are her daily guests, and mischiefs, oft-times, the murderer of her signes; and then the barrels are often treated for their so liberall contribution. Forlorn swag-  
gerers are her greatest sorrow, for they'll score against her will, and then wip't out with a wet finger. Shee hath fill'd her Purse by forfeiting her Recognizance, (which the Clarke of the Peace will empty with his fees.) As Drunkards encrease, so doth her Tipping; and the Tap and she are tost vp together. She loues Tinkers and Ped-  
lers for their true payment of her, and hates nothing more.

## CHARACTERS.

more than a Puritan, or a Parson that persuades from drinking. Shee is annually forced to purchase a new licence, that her launted liquor may runne more warrantable. Oathes, Idlenesse, and infinite absurdities are begotten and fostered at her Alebench, and poore Ale-knights wiues and children doe perpetually curse her.

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### 18. An Aldermans daughter;

IS the peevish Spawne of a peremptory Citizen; now

## CHARACTERS.

ready at the point of prefer-  
ment, and is highted vp for  
that purpose, and is the purer  
mettle of the miser her fa-  
ther ; who, not long since,  
descended from the loynes of  
some lubbardly Farmer, and  
is now by giddy fortune surd  
all ouer, and in the vanity of  
his spirit lookes asconce if  
you misse the title of Master  
Alderman. This Peacocke,  
his daughter, is one of the  
painted Pageans of the City,  
who dares not look vpon her  
splea foot for crushing the  
sets of her Ruffe with her  
Channe, and weares her coat  
the longer to conceale them,  
yet (such is her pride) cannot  
for-

## CHARACTERS.

forbeare the holding them  
up for her silk stockings sake.  
She is grown to that height,  
that she scornes to know her  
fathers courser kindred; nay  
more, longs so for honour,  
(the Idoll of fooles) that she  
disdaines a bird of her owne  
feather (a Cockney) though  
a foolish Knight; and ambi-  
tiously (through the concep-  
tion of her coyne) aspires to  
the Court, and thinks a Lord  
little enough for her. And  
though she be crooked both  
in mind and body, yet con-  
fidently mainetaines, that  
Gold makes all things strait,  
for which she knowes her fa-  
ther hath not stretch'd his

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Conscience in vaine. She is the prettiest Parrot her mother hath hatchid, and in her discourse (which is never so lid) will speake non-sense with much celerity, and will passe by it without blushing, or notice of it. She with the French-hood her mother, doe passe with much pompe and equipage to the Spittle; to the Rehearsall Sermons, where she retaines only two senses, a wandring eye, and a liquorish Paillate; looking of strange obiects, and tasting of sweet-meats, with which, her purl'd handkerche is repleat. Her mind is much set vpon Court Masques, the cause

## CHARACTERS.

cause of her sleighting the City, where sometimes shee hath participated of such curious Cates, that the pleasure of the will not yet out of her Pallate, which makes her impensive sort sollicite her parents to give her her owne choyce ; and howeuer, shee will be a Lady, though shee lose all for't. If her mother once call her Madam, she is made for ever, for it is the heighth of her ambition to bee the top of her kindred, lest her betters should take place of her. Her Title, and Attire are her onely Idols, with which she is hurried in a Coach with six horses, so

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## CHARACTERS.

the heighth of her pride,  
(which must haue a fall) and  
then perhaps she may be left  
with a Litter.

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### 19. *Prodigall,*

IS a profuse fellow puffed vp  
with affectation, and swelled  
in the same by vaineglor-  
y (the finall end his smaller  
wit and thinner skull aymes  
at) towards which all his vn-  
oward actions tend. Hee  
deemes all his equals, his in-  
feriours, especially those he  
most accompaniess, amongst  
which hee thinkes himselfe  
the

## CHARACTERS.

the best man for paying all the reckoning, which they incontinently without grudging grant him, lest their very offer should prouoke him to indignation, at least to oaths, to which he is very apt. He is neuer in loue with mony but when he wants it, and when he hath it, he sleights it. He is one of a very yeelding nature, insomuch, that if you praise ought of his that he affeates, he presently bestowes it on you, scorning to be so base as to stand a begging. Nothing troubles his soule so much as to be last in a new fashion, or the least in company when hee is so accou-  
tred.

## CHARACTERS.

ted. His carriage is very courteous, yet somewhat quilted with singularity (the secret pride of Prodigals,) fooles are his admirers, and knaues his sootherers, whilst hee forgets himselfe to remember them, and never thinks of shutting the stable-doore till the steed be stolne. His greatest bragge is, hee hateth conceufnesse, not dreading how in the meantime he imbraceeth the contrary extreame vice. Hee spends with such confusion, that his supposed friends and associates doe willingly forget his Courtesies, and is of such sublimity of spirit,

## CHARACTERS.

rit, that he never lookes so low as hogs, til he eats husks with them, and then the Trough proues his Touch-stone. All men behold him with an (alas! tis pitry)whilst a few or none supply his po- uerty which pursues him like an armed man. He is at last o'rerane like a Butterfly in a storm, & left by all those that seem'd to loue him, and (me thinks) in anguish of Spirit I heare him crosse the Prouerib and say, Better is a penny in one's purse, than a Courtly friend.

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### 20. *An Fsurer,*

IS an old Fox clad in a lamb-skinne, who hath preyd so long abroad, that hee hath feather'd his nest for his time, and now sits close in his Deane, and feedes seurely vpon his former stealths. And though the Prouerbe saith,  
*Ill gotten goods never prosper,*  
yet it failes with him, for his golden tree florisheth and croppe increaseth what weathersoeuer comes. And if old Time lends him but yeeres and dayes still, hee cares not, though

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though hee giue time to others, as if he had it to spare. Gold and siluer are his Idols or Images, which he hides as close as *Rachel* did her fathers; he keepes them prisoners vnder locke and key, till Bills and Bonds giue security for their safe returne, with another petty impersonall Idol, call'd Interest. His greatest mystery is the particular knowledge of each petitioners estate, who solicite him for money, which by secret intelligence hee knew better sometimes then the borrowers themselues, which if hee feares, hee falleth off till they finde security to fill vp his mouth.

## CHARACTERS.

mouth. His perpetuall meditation is vpon the future dayes of payment, which he punctually obserues, hoping the missing of a day may make a forfeiture, and having law for't, let conscience goe to the diuel. He is grown very subtil in his trade, prying into the possessions of young heires, whose parents by debts and legacies haue impouerisht, & if he can but catch them in a Calfe-skin, he is cocke-sure; for by such mortgages, his mony so easies, that thereby hee soone acquires Fee-simple, for by many such Calfe-skins, he is able to cloathc himselfe in Sables.

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Sables. He scildome furnisheth men at the first entreaty, though the security be sufficient, but will procrastinate you for a weeks intermission, pretending in the meane time to borrow it for you; which borrowing, attracts Brokage (the yonger brat of Misery. In his trade above all others, you must both pray and pay, and yet never haue thankes for your custome: commonly hee dares scarce eate of his abundance for diminishing the stocke; and but for cold, would goe naked, to saue cost: his very habit wil discouer him from top to toe, and his leaner chaps

## CHARACTERS.

chaps, his pinched carcasse. He is still counting his chickens before they are hatcht, whilst his owne day of account befalls him vnawares. Hee never sang the fifteenth *Psalme* with a true heart, which troubles his conscience on his death-bed, and may iustly make him scarce hee hath lost more Treasure then ere he traded for.

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### 21. *A Broker,*

IS a forlorne, or Bankrupt Tradesman, who hath diued into divers sorts of mercatory deceits, and findes none so sweete as this mischievous mystery of Brokery, (the blacke Art of dishonesty.) Hee is the receptacle for Theeuery, and a vent for much Villany. There is a reciprocall kindnesse betwixt him and a Rogue, and wer't not for filshing, his Trade would faile. Rather than not be trading, hee will descend

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## CHARACTERS.

to petty Larceny, or any knavery to gaine a penny. Pawns are his perpetuall practice, for which (of what kind soever) hee neuer lends aboue halfe the value, setting a peremptory day for their redemption, with six pence for the bill, and interest treble the Statute in the hundred, vpon their redemption, which he seldom feares, for hee knowes the parties to be no such pay-masters. Hee workes much vpon Pouerty and necessity, and by his vn-lawfull interest, oft-times eates out the price of that they were full sorry to part with. He confidently walkes by

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by his old remaunts, for all  
commers, sitting at the re-  
ceit of all ill Custome. Coo-  
zeners are a great part of his  
Customers, and Cut-purses  
his Coadiutors. His chiefeſt  
knaury is the alteration of  
the property, that the di-  
ſcription of the deceiued,  
may not find out the deceit.  
He is a backe friend to the  
City, the ſcum of Trades-  
men, a foſterer of Theſt, and  
a palpable ſtaine of the Sub-  
urbs. Long-lane, & London-  
wall may yet embrake him,  
(to the great wrong of New-  
gate) till ſome further Law  
reformne it; for the Receiuer  
is as bad as the Theſte, and

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## CHARACTERS.

the criticing cause of stealth,  
of which many accuse him ;  
and if he be so impudent as  
to deny it, Tiburne may  
shortly proue it, which di-  
spatcheth many more deser-  
ving.

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### 22. *A Tbraſo or Bragga- dotia,*

IS a boysterous fellow in a  
Buffe-Coat, swelling like  
*Eolus*, in windy words, whose  
tongue is still applauding  
himselfe, and detracting  
from others ; and by grim  
lookes and sterne language  
ido-

## CHARACTERS.

idolizeth his owne ignominious actions. One that makes all his frayes with his vniuersall Tongue, and then is forc'd sometimes (unwillingly) to maintaine and defend them by his timerous hands, or to auoid them by her treacherous feare. His valour is daring and affrighting words, which hee foameþ out with such a forced fury, that you would thinke him in earnest, and so hee would be, saue that his heart giues his tongue the lye, which it as obediently puts vp, as hee will your blowes ; for hold but his fained Choller vp to its feeble height, and begin

## CHARACTERS.

but where hee ends, and  
hee'll quake like an Aspen  
leafe, or grow so flegmaticke  
and coole, that he will  
take your kickes for cour-  
sies, and your corrections, for  
good mis-constructions, yet  
by this rough way hee often  
carriesthe conquest amongst  
Cowards, whose smaleſt fa-  
tisfaction, vpon any cause of  
duell, he suddenly entertains  
with inward ioy, leſt perſi-  
ſting in his peremptoriness, he  
ſhould force them but to  
offer defence, of which he is  
is very fearefull. And if con-  
trary to his intent, hee chan-  
ceth by his austerity, to in-  
curre a quarell (of which he  
is

## CHARACTERS.

is very cautious) it's enough to put him into a quareaine ague, and his temerity is suddenly turn'd to timidity. That little valour which hee hath, I must needs confess is true, because it's link'd with discretion; for, I'le warrant you, hee'll strike none but those he knowes will not resist: hee is a Schoole-boy well learnt in this, that hee knows who he can master. In briefe, he is one that would be valiant, but for beating; and being beaten, esteemes himselfe the better man, in that hee aduentur'd it. And may be compar'd to a Tempest, that blusters a while;

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and is suddenly silent; or to a blazing Candle, that flutters till it extinguisheth, and then stands there stinking.

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### 23. A Scampfer Shopkeeper,

IS a feminine Creature furnish'd with the finest Ware, making her greatest gaine of *Sindon*, or fine linnen; transforming it into severall shapes for that purpose, and may beocall'd the Needleworke purlie of prettinessse. Shee is very neatly sprue'd vp, and placed in the frontispiece of her shop, of purpose, (by

## CHARACTERS.

(by her curious habit) to allure some Custome, which stillencrafseth and decreaseth as her beauty is in the full, or the wane. Shee hath a pretty faculty in presenting herselfe to the view of Passengers, by her roling eyes, glancing through the hangings of Tiffany and Cobweb-lawne, that the Trauellers are suddenly surprized, and cannot but looke backe, though but to view babbies in her face, and in affection to her comeliness, must needs cheapen her commodity, whete they are wrapt into a bargaine by her beauty, and doe kisse the Nurse for the child's sake,

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which shee kindly accepts, and desires them as they like that, she may haue more of their Custome. In her trade shee is much troubled with stitches ; a . ongst which, backe-stitch is the most ordinary, easie, and pleasant to her ; and if you cannot bargaine for her Ruffes in her shopp, shee will fit you with choyce at your Chamber, so you pay her well for her paines : She is well acquainted with hemming too, which sometimes makes her leaue her Needle to drinke a cup of Canary, to breake her stitch ; nor is shee ignorant of Cutworke and Purseworke but

## CHARACTERS.

but hath her particular pat-  
ternes for them too. Her  
smile, in asking what you  
lacke, will force you to want  
somewhat (though but a  
paire of socks) and by your  
buying of them, shee may  
draw you to a shirt, and  
warm it for you too the next  
morning. She is the patterne  
of cleanliness, the Barbary  
Button of brauery, an Ex-  
changer or City Barterer,  
who cannot want custome so  
long as her ware's good. She  
loues not those that lye na-  
ked to saue linnen, and hopes  
to grow fat by coyning new  
fashions. And thus I leaue  
her stitching till her thred  
be.

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be cut, that some younger of her faculty may trade in her turne.

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### 24. *A Prostitute or Common Whore,*

IS a Creature in the forme and shape of our mother *Eue*, but of farre more im-pudency, for as *Eue* desired to hide her nakednesse, this couets to discouer it, making a Trade of lust, and a pastime of incontinence. *Isabell* peeping out at her polluted windowes, with a nod or beckon to allure the simple;

## CHARACTERS.

simple; and shamelessly saluting those she ne're saw; and may be compar'd to a Lakes, which every rogue vseth for necessity, and then abhorrēs it. She is the very Compendium and abstract of al basenesse, nor is there any abomination to which she is vnapt. She is hell it selfe whilst she liues vpon earth, and her fire burnes as hot as Etha; to whose flames none can approach without either scorching or consuming. And, (which is inexcusable and inexpiable) she makes a calling of accursed Copulation, and iustifies it lawfull for her littelhood. Shee is both

men.

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monstruous and mercenary :  
Lust and Murther are her  
professions, and shee cares not  
who knowes it. Her veynes  
are fill'd with seuerall sorts  
of poysons, which swell till  
they burst out into some  
loathsome excrement ; and  
then, all that know her, hate  
her ; and all that lusted after  
her, now loath her. As shee  
is an actor of any mischiefe,  
so, at last, shee becomes the  
Embleme of most extreme  
misery, who with halfe a  
nose, and one eye, is making  
her farall end, and is happy if  
her torment end here.

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himselfe to swind, and to swind  
from the King of Albray.

25. *An ordinary Gamester,*

IS One that hath vsed many  
tricks and deuices to picke  
up a base living, but finds no  
deceit so faire, quaint, and  
gentillo as this flight of hand,  
this nimble god Mercury,  
this cunning trip of a Dye.  
Hee is never idle, nor euer  
well imployed, for he is still  
thinking, plotting, and de-  
uising to find out some foole  
to coozen. He is more coue-  
tous than any Vluter, for he  
desires but his principal with  
certaine interest, but this  
Youth

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Youth cries, Haue at all; and is perpetually shuffling and cutting for aduantage. He is somewhat too prodigall of other mens purses, especially in his habitt, which is com- monly neat, if not braue and gallant; for his cloathes are his greatest stocke, of which he ought to haue fourte suitts, two to weare, and two to pawn. The first makes him fit for his betters society; the second, for supply to his game, if he chåcer to be spent: yet hee is very feldome but on the gaining hand, especi- ally when hee meets with some profuse young Prentice, or some young Innes a Court

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Man.

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Man that hath lately received his quarteridge, for by these deuices hee dines into the pockets of the dissolute, and as he gets it from fooles, so he spends it on Queanes. Cursing, swearing, and quarrellings, are his Nocturnall attendants, which arise from Choller, and the losse of Coyne, mixed with want of sleepe. Hec preposterously alters the course of Nature, as he alters the Cards; sleeps all day, and playes all night, obely hec will spare some time to eat and drinke drunke vpon a lucky hand, so that he hath no leasure to pray, except to blind fortune. He ne-

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## CHARACTERS.

uer thinks on his sinnes, till  
he hath lost all his substance,  
and then (if he hath but grace  
a little to pause on them) they  
flocke so fast from his memo-  
ry to his mind, that hee can-  
not endure their grim looks,  
and therfore chops them and  
his Dice together into his  
Box, and cries, Hang sorrow,  
care will kill a Cat. He is one  
that seldom thrives in his  
By-path to his end, but his  
goddesse Fortune, at last,  
playes the whore with him,  
and leaues him in his greatest  
extremity: And when hee  
hath neither to pawne nor  
sell, hee is forc'd to borrow  
twelue pence to pay for his  
Ordin-

## CHARACTERS.

Ordinary, and sometimes  
lyes a weeke together at the  
mercy of the Ordinary. Hee  
ebbes and flowes as the tyde,  
and nothing makes him hope  
any good of himselfe, but his  
daily change, which perhaps  
may put him in mind of his  
last, that death may not catch  
him dicing, at hazzard, nor  
Time (whom he hath much  
abused) in fury breake his  
houre glasse, and so iustly by  
Catastrophe coozen him  
without care, that hath chea-  
ted so many without Con-  
science.

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## 26. *An Host,*

IS most commonly a Cor-  
pulent fellow, so puffed vp  
with the vngentious Element  
of Ale, that his wicket is not  
wide enough for his passage,  
and therefore his gates are  
daily open, lest they should  
prejudice his guts. His chie-  
fest liuelihood is by the com-  
mings in of others, and not  
of his owne. He is as greedy  
of Guests, as the Diuell of  
soules, and as loath to part  
with them ; which makes  
him so often goe gaping to  
the

## CHARACTERS.

the Gate, with a Tapster or  
Oastler in's mouth, gaping  
for new guests. His thread-  
bare Salutation is alwayes  
welcome Gentlemen, which  
very words doe winde in the  
Tapster, and consequently a  
frothy lugge ; and it's ten to  
one, but ere you haue ended  
that, hee is entred into some  
strange tale, perhaps col-  
lected out of his last nights  
dreame, and as true too, for  
herein consists his best facul-  
ty, in ministering cause of  
mirth and newes to his wea-  
ry and welcome Trauellers,  
(things to which he knowes  
mans Nature is much addi-  
cted,) for he reads more men  
than

## CHARACTERS.

than Bookes, and should be wise, but that his head's too little for his body: yet if he catch your horse in arrenges, you'll find him cunning enough, for he'll raise his Crest so hye, that he'll make the doore too little for him. He is a great husband in his drinking, for hee is heuer drunk at his own cost, which makes my O stesse beare with the bestowers the better, and perhaps may requite them with a nights lodging for't in a time of need. He cannot subsist without company, tho he be Cuckold for't, and is neuer melancholly but when Gallants passe by his gates

## CHARACTERS.

gates without tarrying, or tarry till he is forc'd to trust them; and then he mournes i'th Chine for a moneth after. His greatest trouble is, that Physicians tell him, hee is subiect to the Dropsie, which he will not beleue til he sees it, and then hee and his purse are purged together of some of their sinister and superfluous gaine. Drunkennesse and Gluttony are his best guests, of which hee is both entertainer & partaker; & grows fat by profusion, & rich by riotous reuellings; which tho it sometimes disturbs the peace of his little common-wealth, yet the pay-

## CHARACTERS.

payment of the reckoning  
workes his pacification, with  
an (all's well that ends well.)  
His trade cannot faile so long  
as men haue mouthes and  
mony, which he knowes will  
be till both his lease and hee  
expire. He is a man of little  
or no faith, the cause hee  
doubts his saluation, yet be-  
zils vp and downe, till hee  
waddles into his winding-  
sheet, and then goes a iouray  
he knowes not whether; and  
it is wel for him, if at the end  
of his trauell, hee findes an  
Anne not worse than his  
owne.

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### 27. A Common Drunkard,

IS a reasonable beast, and a  
sensitive man : a strange  
Monster, halfe man, halfe  
beast, swimming in the Oc-  
ean of *Bacchus*, and like the  
Whale belching and forming  
out of his mouth and no-  
strils abundance of that fro-  
thy and vnsauoury Element  
he so lately ingurgitated and  
swallowed, to the amaze-  
ment of those smaller fishes  
that flocke together about  
him, and is drowned in his  
owne orbe. One whose es-  
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## CHARACTERS.

sential parts are so obscured, his sense so dulled, his eyes so dazeled, his face so distorted, his Countenance so deformed, his ioynts so enfeebled, and his whole body and minde so transformed, that hee is become the childe of folly, the derision of the world, and is led like the Ox to the slaughter, as his owne executioner; yet in all this, his head beares the greater sway, and his feet are not swift to do mischiefe. His belly is his god, the which hee ouer-cloyes with drink-offerings, and he is alwayes indebted to my Officer, and his belly to him, but

## CHARACTERS.

but he never to that, so long as his Purse, Credit, or shame can make euен with it. He is one that either spues himselfe out, or giues occasion to be spurnd out of all ciuill Company. Apt to any thing he can stand to execute, (except Vertue) a meere stranger to him. Noddy is his vsuall game, and for Ale too; till hee growes so stupified, that he nods his Nose vpon the Noddy boord, and in reuenge strikes his opposite for the wrong offered, and there the game ends, and fray begins, and then calls for drinke to drinke himselfe friends with them, which friendly

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cup

## CHARACTERS.

cup giues occasion of a se-  
cond quarrell. Hec is the  
Mault-worme of the Com-  
mon-wealth, that suckes in  
the ioyce of the poore labo-  
rer, and leaues his owne fa-  
mily so dry, that they are ei-  
ther parch't with famine, or  
burnt with thirst. In briefe,  
hec is the off-scumme of the  
kingdome, and fit for nought  
but to set in the front of some  
vaine and voluntary voyage,  
lest he should runne away in  
the Rere, and rob his owne  
parish for euer after.

## CHARACTERS.

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### 28. *An Elder Brother,*

IS oft-times the heire of Fortune, and folly, both together, and will still maintaine the Prouerbe, *Fortuna fauerit Patuos*: and as hee is heire, so is he often executor to his fathers ill-husbandry, which sometimes gripes him so, that it grindes his estate into a smaller quantity, to the diminishing of the Man-  
nor, with the appurtenances. Hee is so incumbred with such a Letany of Legacies for the smaller Infants, that

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## CHARACTERS.

his wit is almost confounded with the very Catalogue of their names, if not wholly distracted in the discharge of their portions; for his braine generally is but shallow, and consequently is soone empty, & as soone runs ouer. He is not giuen to trauell (the Ambition of sharper wits) for he is in perpetuall trauell at home, whose staidnesse his Low-Country brother takes aduantage of, by strong strategis and designes of war, till (besides his legacy) hee hath angled himselfe into coyne enough to purchase him a Company, which hee dissolues into Dutch Ale, and

## CHARACTERS.

and dries it vp with more  
dul Tobacco. His Lady with  
her Coach, haue run them-  
selues out of their way, her  
out of wits, and him out of  
his money, to vpold her fan-  
cy, and the new fashion both  
together, till the Mercer for  
his money gathers into his  
estate by morgage ; which,  
he is as wel able to redeeme,  
as to build *Pauls*, or rule his  
wife. His Ambition is still  
to raise his house, though he  
sels his land, and live vpon  
the lease at the rate of the  
Purchase. Hee sometimes  
hath wit or wealth enough  
to bee made a Justice for the  
Peace, where his looks be-

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wray his learning, and bee  
never speakes but to some or  
no purpose.

The Fates in Mercy made  
such for the releefe of youn-  
ger *Mercuries* ; and they  
make the best living and  
worst vse on't. And thus  
I leaue him, that often  
leaves many behinde him to  
the Tyranny of Fortune,  
whilst bee is studying his  
Pedigree.

## CHARACTERS.

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### 29. A yong Innes a Court Gentleman.

IS an Infant, newly crept from the Cradle of learning, to the Court of liberty, from logicke to law (both grounded on reason) from his Tutor to the Touchstone of wits, where he is now admitted amongst the braue imps of the kingdome, to grow Pillars of their Country. Hee is his owne man now, and left to the view of faire vertue, and foule vice, the last of which layes siege

## CHARACTERS.

to his tender Walls, and often makes a shrewd Battery, if not quite scales it. He is one that for the most part forgets his errand, and studies Poetry instead of *Perkins*. His greatest care now, is how to carry himselfe according to the dancing Art, and holds it a greater disgrace to be Nonsuit with a Lady, than Nonplus in the Law. He tramples vpon the Termes oft, and holds it a base language, about which to busie his more high and transcendent thoughts. When hee aspires once to be a Reueler, he then reueales himselfe to the full, and when he should

## CHARACTERS.

should bee mooting in the Hall, he is perhaps mounting in the Chamber, as if his father had onely sent him to Cut Capers, and turne in the Ayre till his braines bee adled, and makes things mere-ly for ornament, matters of speciall vse. His Recreations and loose expence of time, are his only studies (as Plaies, Dancing, Fencing, Tauerms, Tobacco,) and Dalliance, (which if it be with Time, is irreuocable) and are the alluring baits of ill disposed extrauagants. He is roaring when hee should be reading, and feasting when he should be fasting, for his Friday-

## CHARACTERS.

Night & supper doth vsually e-  
qualize his weekly Commons, and it's to bee feared,  
he will exceed two meales in  
the weeke besides, with lac't  
Mutton, for whosoe'er payes  
for his Commons, hee'll fall  
aboard. He is a youth very  
apt to bee wrought vpon at  
his first entrance, and there  
are Fishers of purpose for  
such young fry. He attiues  
much experience before he  
attiuers at the Barre, and then  
(if euer) begins to study,  
when (for his time) he should  
begin to plead. Amorous  
Sonnets, warbled to the Vy-  
all, are his Cœlestiall Har-  
mony, and if you put a Case  
bee

## CHARACTERS.

betweene, you make a great discord. Hee loues sense better than reason, and consequently not so fit to make a Lawyer. Wherfore I could wish his friends to cause him to retire, before hee bee too farre spent, and to marry him before he be starke mad, or a worse mischeefe (if possible) befall him.

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### 30. A Low-Country Common Soldier,

I San idle fellow, as weary of his owne Country, as that is of him, and lest hee should

## CHARACTERS.

should be prest some worser Voyage, goes voluntary thither to auoyd it. One that hath tired al his friends here, and is now transported thither to trouble the Boares there, where hee is now admitted amongst a multitude of mischieuous fellowes, to learne all his postures ; the first of which, is to double his Dutch Canne till his Tongue doubles betweene his teeth, and then to fall out till hee bee beaten into a stomacke. And when that small quantity of coyne hee carried with him, is exhausted, hee simply settles himselfe to fourre shillings for, eight

## CHARACTERS.

eight dayes, which he politikely powres down his gullet in a day, and then liues by Virginian vapour a weeke after, till his stomacke so wambles, that hee is forc'd to lumber his vpper garment to supply his guts, reseruing still the Embleme of a Souldier (his Sword) and a Plimmouth cloake, otherwife call'd a Battoone. By this time hee is well entred, and will madly strike vpon the least occasion, which his Schoole-fellows perceiuing, grow as mild now, as heretofore they were malapert; and will rather intreat him to drinke away his Choller

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## CHARACTERS.

or belt, than force him to the field. Hee is now growne to that height of valour, that he runs ouer a Dutch Froken, or else falleth vpon her, to the endangering of her firkin of Butter, and more solid Cheese, with no small effusion of teares from her fatter Ale-tub. These, with many other postures hee hath achiued too by Stratagem, and thinkes himselfe a Serjeant Major in these designes. As for his Pike & Musket he seldom troubleth them, except sometimes vpon meere compulsion to fill vp a Company. Hafce a yeare hath so qualified him, that for want of supply.

## CHARACTERS.

supply, he begges for a fur-  
low, and then legs with it,  
till hee arrives at his owne  
Shore, with two hempteere  
napkins pind together at his  
shoulders for a shirt, or else  
none at all. Thus hauing  
spent his spirits, he pensively  
creepes home with many  
creepers about him: where,  
hauing gathered vp his crums,  
tels such lowd stories of the  
leagers he lay in, and discour-  
ses so superficially of the di-  
scipline of Warre, that hee  
amazeth some Countrey  
Traine-Captaine, insomuch  
that hee courteously takes  
him to the Alehouse, and  
giues him a Colours for't,  
which

## CHARACTERS.

which he gratefully accepts, and vowes hereafter rather to bee hang'd in his owne Countrey, than to be abus'd by Belgicke Counterbuffes. And though he hath not yet left his swearing, yet he hates lying *Perdein* abominably. And hath gain'd so much wit there, that hee thinkes the name of a Souldier makes a man valiant, rather than valour makes him a Souldier, which hee hath already forsworne.

## CHARACTERS.

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### 31. A Gentleman-wifher,

IS a spruce fellow, belonging to a gay Lady, whose foot-step, in times of Yore, his Lady followed, for hee went before. But now hee is growne so familiar with her, that they goe arme in arme, the cause sometimes that he slighteth the Gentlewoman, and yet, vpon better aduice, pleaseth her againe in secret. Hee is a man whose goings and standings ought to bee vpright, except his Lady be crooked, and then 'tis no

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## CHARACTERS.

matter though hee stoope a little to please her humour. His greatest vexation is going vpon sleeuelesse arrands, to know whether some Lady slept well last night, or how her Physick work'd i'th morning, things that sauour not well with him ; the reason that oft-times hee goes but to the next Tauerne, and then very discreetly brings her home a tale of a Tubbe. Hee is still forc'd to stand bare, which would vrge him to impatience, but for the hope of being couered, or rather the delight hee takes in shewing his new Crisp't hayre, which his Barber hath

## CHARACTERS.

hath caus'd to stand like a  
print hedge, in equall pro-  
portion. He hath one Com-  
mendation amongst the rest,  
(A neat Caruer) and will  
quaintly administer a Tren-  
cher in due season. His wa-  
ges is not much, except his  
quality exceeds, but his  
vailes are great ; insomuch  
that he totally possessteth the  
Gentlewoman, and com-  
mands the Chambermaid to  
starch him into the bargaine.  
The smallnesse of his legs be-  
wrayes his profession, and  
feeds much vpon Veale to  
encrease his Calfe. His great-  
test ease is ~~hee~~ may lye long  
in bed, and when hee's vp,  
may

## CHARACTERS.

may call for his breakfast, and goe without it. A Twelue-moneth hath almost worne out his habit, which his annuall pension will scarcely supply. Yet if his Lady likes the Garriage of him, shee increaseth his Annuity. And though shee saues it out o'th Kitchin, she'l fill vp her Closet.

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### 32. A Cuckold,

IS a harmlesse horned creature, but they ~~w~~ing not in his cies as your Wittals doe;

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## CHARACTERS.

the reason of his honesty and  
th'others knauery. He confi-  
dently gleans after the rea-  
pers, not thinking of stea-  
ling, and kindly embraceth  
the leauings of his neigh-  
bors, and is aswell satisfied as  
if he had the first cut, verity-  
ing the old Prouerbe, That  
the eye sees not, the heart  
greeues not. Hee is very in-  
dulgent to his Spouse, giuing  
her her own way in al things,  
lest she should take it; know-  
ing that women are most apt  
to forbidden fruit. There is  
a speciall Sympathy, by in-  
stinct, betwixt him and his  
Corruall or Cuckolder, for  
he alwaies loues him best, his  
wife

## CHARACTERS.

wife likes best (a speciall token of a patient and true husband.) Hee never greeves at his keeping of other mens children, for hee is very charitable that way; and (being fill'd with blinde zeale) loues them as well as if they were his owne. Hee palpably possesseth his place in his Pew without the least conceit of pointing at him, and wel comes him to dinner that is i'th dish before him, which his wife passeth by without blushing, praying the Gentleman to be his owne Carter, whilst the silly man ne're dreames of her intent, after his decease, or his then departure.

## CHARACTERS.

parture. He liues a very contented life, and is not troubled with Jealousie (the torment of the mind) but takes all in good part, so shew bee pleased. Hee spends his time thus till hee becomes one of the Head-broughs of his Parish, and holds his velvet hornes as high as the best of them, hee minds his owne affaires more than his wifes affections; and if hee dyes not a Pricket, hee may liue to bee an old Stagge, a very Lordly beast.

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## 33. *An Informer,*

Is a spye or knaue errant,  
that peepes into the brea-  
ches of penall Statutes, not  
for loue to the Common-  
wealth, as his owne lucre,  
amongst which *assissa panis &*  
*ceruitie*, th' affize of bread  
and beere are his greatest Re-  
venues, for winking at small  
faults, and coozening the  
King and Subiects boith at  
once: for though the pre-  
tence of his profession be for  
the fulfilling of the Statutes,  
yet his Roguish mystery  
aymes

## CHARACTERS.

aymes at his owne ends. He transforms himselfe into severall shapes to auoyd suspition of Inne-holders, and inwardly ioyes at the sight of a blacke Pot or Jugge, knowing that their sale by sealed quarts, spoyles his Market, and abates his mercenary Coozenage. As he is an Informer, so hee should be a Reformer, but for his quarterly fees from Taphouses, for conniuance; which fees, are the cause of so much froth in the Taphouse, to recover that againe of which he was cheated. Hee speakes like a Serjeant into every corner to take aduantage,

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age,

## CHARACTERS.

stage, and drinke vp mens  
drinke and makes them pay  
for it. As hee loues no man,  
so he is hated of all, and is  
very neere hell when hee is  
drunke in the Celler. Hee is  
the scum of Rascality, and  
the abuser of the King and  
his Exchequer both toge-  
ther; yet he seldomethriues  
in his impostures, in regard  
of his greater sharers, whose  
wassall and stauue hee is. All  
men behold him with indig-  
nation, and point him out  
knaue in euery Parish, which  
he willingly puts vp, in hope,  
one day, to auenge himselfe  
vpon their purses. His gaine  
is extortiōn, which may in  
time

## CHARACTERS.

time pull both his eares from his head, or dig him a graue vnder the Gallowes, which he bath already deserued.

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### 34. *A Bachelor,*

**I**S one that carries a great burthen about him, Concupiscence; to which hee is either giuen ouer, or in perpetuall combate betwixt the flesh and the spirit; He is never quiet in his mind, for he is continually choofing, and commonly as soone dislikes his owne choyce: a great point of folly in him to bee

## CHARACTERS.

prouok't to any thing either by opinion or purblind Passion. He is one whose honesty cannot shelter him from suspition, and imputation of his next neighbour, by reason of his supposed vigour. Hee drames away his best time, and sowes his seed in other mens gardens, (which they reape and are no gainers by it) whilst hee hath scarce any left to sowe in his owne. Hee thinkes himselfe happy in that hee hath none to care for but himselfe, whilest he cares not at all for his Nobler selfe, his Soule, and dyes without a Vine to his house side, or an Olive plant to

## CHARACTERS.

to his Table ; so that posterity shall not behold any of his Progeny. Hee courts each handsome obiect ; his veines being full of *Venus*, and his heart of *Cupids* darts, which in short time so sting him, that happily ere long, he salutes *Hymen*, and proves an honest man : for the obtaining whereof in his former estate he was farre out of his way, except made an Eu-nuch, and consequently been hated by the softer Sex for ever after.

## CHARACTERS.

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### 35. *An Vnderbriefe,*

IS an active fellow, begot  
by the Statute for a yeere,  
and then his name extinguisheth, though he be sharer in  
another's, the next yeere after. Hee is the feare and ter-  
ror of all debtors, as also the  
free entertainer of the Creditor, who daily sollicites  
him with coyne, to be expe-  
ditious in his Catching,  
which hee discreetly enter-  
taines with protestation of  
performance, whilst a fee on  
the contrary forceth him to  
neg-

## CHARACTERS.

neglect, knowing that though delaies proue dangerous, yet all makes for his aduantage in the end. He is the birth, life, and death of the law. The birth is the first pro-cess; the life the execution, and the death the stopping the breath of the execution; by giuing notice to tholc that never requisite him with nothing. Hee is one subiect to much danger, and ought to haue both wit and valour, the one to defend his purse, the other his carkasse, lest the Exchequer cut the one, and the Countrey Rebel the other. He vnderstands more than the high Sheriffe his

## CHARACTERS.

Master, and may well, for he  
buyes his wit of him (which  
is euer the best) and sells it a-  
gaine at a treble valem, pro-  
uing a great gainer, if his  
*Quetus est* doth not too  
much gripe him. He is out-  
wardly respected more for  
feare than loue, and as little  
esteemed when hee is out of  
his office, which will be next  
Michaelmas Termes, and  
then you may trade with  
him for ten groats (an  
Attournyes fee) his Collate-  
rall profection.

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THE following list  
gives you an idea of  
the characters  
and their  
actions.

### 36. A Dravet.

IS one deeply read in the  
mysteries of the Celler,  
diving into the secrets of  
Hogsheads, and is much con-  
versant in the mingling of  
his Ware. Hee is of such  
celerity, that hee ascends  
the Staires in a moment,  
and descends them as sud-  
denly, especially when hee  
is throwne downe. He is one  
that trusts all commers (for  
he onely cryes score it) but  
hee trusts them no further  
than he sees them, and when

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## CHARACTERS.

their braines and bellies are full, hee lookes they shoulde empty their purses. Hee is subiect to many ill words, which he as patiently beares, as they are like to doe his blowes, if they want the Reckoning. Hee shoulde bee very wise by the continuall sight of so many feuerall humours, and would bee so, but for the fumigation of the Celler, which eleuates his wits, and makes them fly so high, that they sometimes catch a fall. He is alwayes a good fellow, and loues a Gentleman, for that hee is sometimes one himselfe. He drinks the best drinke which breeds

## CHARACTERS.

breeds the best blood, the cause hee commonly loues a Wench, for hee is a man of great trading. I cannot tell whether his Master serues him, or he his Master, but I am sure they cannot wel liue asunder. Hee is now casting about for some Merchants Credite, to set vp for himselfe, that his wife may keepe the Barre, to attract Custome, and he leauue his iourney worke, and become as free to her, as shee may bee to others.

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## 37. A Good Husband,

Is a man who steereth all his course in a right line, and weigheth all his actions in an equall ballance; a very good Mathematician, for hee is alwayes within his Compasse, but never runs circle so long as to make himselfe giddy. Hee cuts out every thing into a geometrical proportion to his Rule and estate; nor doth his Sense too much ouer-rule his Reason. Hee drinkest onely for thirst, and eatst only for hunger,

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ger, knowing superfluity to be the heyre of prodigality, and liberality the daughter of good husbandry, and medium betwixt two extremes. He is the sole happiness of a good wife, and the torment of a Waster. His children never liue to haue cause to curse him, nor his seruants to accuse him for their want of wages. He seriously viewes the folly of Profusenesse, and is inwardly sorry to see the fall of any. He is not so niggardly as to grutch himselfe or his friend a good meale, but tasts freely (though temperately) of that God hath lent him, and thinkes

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thinkes himselfe no loser by lending a little to the needy. His moderate diet giues him longer dayes, and his care in his calling frees him frō idleness (the bait of his greatest enemy) for in doing nothing men learne to doe ill. He loues not stolne waters (though ne're so sweet) but is satisfied with the breasts of his owne bedfellow. Hee educates his children in a Religious way, knowing that Grace cannot want goods. And thus hee passeth his pilgrimage with a peacfull Conscience, and leaves the world with all good mens applause, so that his Name dyes

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dycs not with his nature.  
His tything in his life time  
was so true and consonable,  
that the Parson pre-  
cheth his Funeral praise, and  
perhaps giues him gratis his  
buriall in the Chancell.

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### 38. A Constant man,

IS one who hath limitted  
his Passions, and set cer-  
tainē bounds to his affecti-  
ons, louing still in his course  
to hold the bridle firme in  
his hand, lest carelessly letting  
the reines loose, hee either  
stumbles dangerously, or fals  
very

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very foule. His actions are solid, not phantaſtike, and he is very wary of promising anything that he either thinks or knowes hee cannot performe; for hee still casteth beyond chance, knowing a possibility, and seeing a probability before hee passeth his protestation. Hee is one that keeps his mind within him, the reason why he thinks and speakes both together, without any iarre betweene his tongue and his heart. His word is as good as his bond, and his conscience the best debtor. His loue(if possible) is without lust or iealousie, fixed on vertue, where it stands

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stands firme as a rock. Truth hath bound vp his Temples and discretion hath so knic the knot, that hee seldom makes his choyce so bad as to refuse it, his word so large as to reuoke it, or his time so short as to peece it with delayes at its period. Hee must needs bee very patient too, else his constancy could not continue, for impatency breaks the fence of hope and stability, and lets in despaire and leuity, a couple of wilde Cattel that may spoyle a wel growne field. The wife that possesseth him is happy, for there is sure hold of his word. Shee findes him at his

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appointed howre, which de-  
barres her of many fears, and  
she ne're eats her meat cold,  
by staying for his comming.  
Hee hath wealth enough, if  
he hath but this one Vertue,  
for all men beleue him, and  
dare trust him. Time and ex-  
perience haue wrought him  
into euery mans good opi-  
nion, and he stands vn-moued  
in all his dealings. He hates  
a lyar as a Theefe, and is the  
greatest friend where he once  
professeth. The world is now  
growne so wilde, that few  
men are of his minde, and  
fewer women, the cause of so  
many Cuckolds, periur'd  
persons, and dying louers.

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## 39. A icalous man,

IS one so strangely and  
strongly possest with the  
yellow Jaundis, that he thinks  
all things of yellow colour,  
which mistake proceeds from  
the defect of the eye, not the  
obie&. He is one whose mind  
is in a continuall labyrinth,  
the further it goes, the fur-  
ther perplexed ; the more it  
looks, the more tormented,  
and yet sees nothing but by  
imagination, which foolish  
fancy lyes so heauy in his  
forehead, that he takes it for  
a horne, though it bee but a  
pimple i' th' flesh. Hee con-  
sumes.

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sumes himselfe and his wiues  
reputation both together, by  
his too oftē causeles suspicio,  
and thinks a kisse (tho before  
him) a sufficient cause of di-  
uorce. He is the scoffe of his  
neighbors, and the bait that  
causeth many to nibble in-  
iest, that hee might vex in  
good earnest. He commonly  
dreames of his wife though  
neuer so broad awake, and  
would keepe her in a Chest  
but for feare of picking the  
locke, which sets the greater  
edge to her appetite, and the  
greater madnesse to his mis-  
beleefe. His braines are in  
perpetuall agitation, and in  
his phantasie (being a kind of  
frenzy) sees so many loose  
passa-

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passages in her, and lasciuious embraces by his supposed Corriuals, that hee's starke mad at last with melancholy musing. He lies in hell upon earth, and is so besotted, that he cannot see when hee is well. Hee is so farre gone in his disease, that all Physicians haue giuen him ouer, knowing there is but one medicine (amongst all) to cure him of this malady, which is, to see that really affected which hee so stedfastly supposed; which (no doubt) will shortly bee effected, to the full recovery of the Coxcombe, and the manifestatiōn of his error in's forehead, (an ornamēnt fit for him.)

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### 40. *A desperate man,*

IS one who hath forgot  
God, the world, the Diuel,  
his Neighbor and himselfe,  
and runs with precipitation  
into any danger. All his a-  
ctions are violent, and there-  
fore cannot bee permanent.  
He is a man of no faith at all,  
the reason he can apprehend  
no mercy from his maker,  
but all Justice. He still goes  
with Cain's scarre about him,  
that euery man will kill him,  
whilst hec himselfe makes a  
trade of murthering ; not  
fearce touch't for't till his fa-  
tall, and then it falleth so heavy,  
that he cannot beare it. He is

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a man of no staidnesse, for he leaues a Rocke to build vpon the Sand. Some thinner sculs thinke him valiant, because he dares stab, or doe any sudden mischiefe : but the Schooles deny it, approouing valour to bee mixt with discretion (which a desperate man altogether wants,) besides, valour is a vertue springing from fortitude, but rashnesse a vice arising from passion. He is one no way fit for any place, either in Church or Common-weale, for he that cannot guide himselfe, is most vnsit to gouerne others. Hee is a man of small or no hope, for hope is left to himselfe, and then scarce a man.

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man. Hee doth all things without premeditation, the reason why so many disasters attend the end of his actions, which hee commonly feeles before he sees. All that know him shun his society, not so much for feare of him, as the law, knowing that his fury will force them to some further inconuenience. Hee is settled and vested in this villainy, and takes a pride to be talked of for his treachery, and is still glorying in his owne shame. New-gate or a worse place, wil shortly take possession of him, if he mend not his manners, for a graceless man is good for nougat but a gallowes.

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### 2. A true friend,

IS a Fountaine that can-  
not bee drawne dry, but  
alwayes affords some fresh  
and sweet waters to him,  
whose necessities and ex-  
tremities enforce him to  
fetch it. Hee is a mans se-  
cond selfe, as deere as a  
good wife, more deere than  
a brother, else the wisest  
King had beeene mistaken:  
but our times iustifie his  
Prouerbe true, which hee  
knew before. He is *Solanum*  
*in miserijs*, a Copartner in

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## CHARACTERS.

distresses with you, and inwardly (not fainedly) beare halfe the burthen. Loue and amity hath so knit him to you, that tis a question whether you be two or one, reciprocally answering each other in affection, and are equally sensible of each others defects, or disturbances. Hee is no Meteor or Comet, no nine dayes wonder, or wandring Planet, but a fixed Starre, by whose operative influence, his needy is nourished. For hee is not compos'd of words, but actions, alwayes ready at a deadlift, to draw Dun out of the myre. Not onely a bare

## CHARACTERS.

bare Counsellor to good-  
nesse, and so leaue you  
without meanes of prosecu-  
tion (the niggardly wise-  
dome of these times) but an  
assister in the way, and goes  
on the first mile with you  
for company, and lookes af-  
ter you in the rest of your  
journey, if he doth not tra-  
uell throughout the same.  
Hee never aymes at any  
of his owne ends in do-  
ing courtesies, but doth  
them freely and quickly; not  
drownding his good deeds  
in the dull performance; for,  
*Qui cito dat, bis dat;* He that  
giues timely, giues twice.  
He's a certaine perpetuity

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that cannot be lost by non-payment of Rent, and ought to bee loued aboue fee-simble. He is the pillar of constancy, & the very touchstone of Truth. One that lookes vpon men with the eye of Religion, and is not iouned in the care with worldly applause for it. Hypocrisie and vaine-glory are as farre from his heart, as the contrary Poles are from each other, for his right hand shall not know what his left hand doth. Hee is (in these iron dayes) *Rara avis in terra*; a blacke Swan, or a white Crow, as rare as the Phoenix, and such a precious Iewell as

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the Indies cannot afford his  
his parallel. He is most hap-  
py that hath him, and I ad-  
uise him to make much of  
him, for hee hath great for-  
tune indeed, if he findes a se-  
cond.

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